

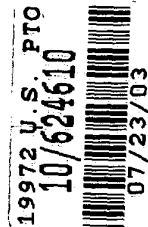


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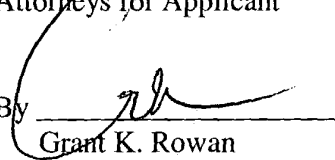
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The Continuation Application is timely filed.

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Re: Application of Munehide KANAYA, Kazuhiko HARA, Shigenori FUKASAWA,
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FLUSHING POSITION CONTROLLER INCORPORATED IN INK-JET
RECORDING APPARATUS AND FLUSHING METHOD USED FOR THE
SAME
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q76665

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/747,930 (Confirmation No. 3453) filed December 27, 2000 of Munehide KANAYA Kazuhiko HARA, Shigenori FUKASAWA, Atsushi KOBAYASHI, and Kazunaga SUZUKI entitled FLUSHING POSITION CONTROLLER INCORPORATED IN INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND FLUSHING METHOD USED FOR THE SAME.

The prior Application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2861.

Enclosed are a specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty (20) sheets of formal drawings as filed in parent Application No. 09/747,930, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior Application. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior Application.

This is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/747,930 filed December 27, 2000, which application was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/443,299 filed November 19, 1999. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/443,299 claimed priority from Japanese Applications Hei. 10-331026, filed November 20, 1998, Hei. 10-338015 filed November 27, 1998, Hei. 10-343079 filed December 2, 1998, Hei. 10-359068 filed December 17, 1998, and Hei. 11-086921 filed March 29, 1999, filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/443,299.

Further, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/747,930, filed December 27, 2000, also claimed priority from Japanese Application Hei. 11-371179 filed December 27, 1999, filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/747,930.